

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of U.S. Application No. 10/553,576. In response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2009, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.